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In re the Application of:

Arthur ZWINGENBERGER et al.

Art Unit: 2142

Application No.: 10/576,238

Examiner: Andrew T. Caldwell

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For: SYSTEM FOR MANAGEMENT OF PROCESSED INSTRUMENTS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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The Korean Patent Office

(Notice of Rejection)

Applicant: SciCan, a division of Lux and Zwingenberger Ltd.

Application No.: 2006-7008926

Title: "System for Management of Processed Instruments"

A Notice of Rejection regarding the above-identified application is issued under Article 63 of Korean Patent Law on the following grounds. Accordingly, the applicant is requested to file a Reply to this Office Action by October 27, 2007.

***** REASONS *****

* Allowable Claims: Claims 15 and 17

* Rejected Claims: the remaining Claims

1. In Claims 1, 2, 6, and 9-11, the claimed methods are indefinite. The Claims should be rewritten.

The terminologies, "at least portion" in Claim 14, "at least partially" in Claim 16, and "transmitter/receiver" in Claim 18, are not clear.

The Claims are rejected under Article 42, Section 4 of Korean Patent Law.

2. Claims 1-4 and 11 are as being lack of novelty over PCT International Publication No. WO 3/38717 A1. The Claims are rejected under Article 29, Section 1 of Korean Patent Law.

3. Claims 6-10, 12, and 13 are as being lack of inventive step in view of the cited reference. The Claims are rejected under Article 29, Section 2 of Korean Patent Law.

August 27, 2007

Examiner J. E. Park

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